



# FloorPrep

Legislative Digest

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Chairman  
4th District, Oklahoma

*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour  
and 2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.R. 3519—World Bank AIDS Marshall Plan Trust Fund Act**

**S. 2370—Designating the “Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States  
Courthouse”**

**H.Res. 491—Naming the “G.V. Sonny Montgomery” Room in the U.S.  
Capitol**

**H.R. 1377—Designating the “John J. Buchanan Post Office Building”**

**H.R. 4249—Cross Border Cooperation and Environmental Safety in  
Northern Europe Act**

**H.Con.Res. 251—Commending the Republic of Croatia**

**H.R. 4251—Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea**

**H.R. 3616—Impact Aid Reauthorization Act**

**H.Con.Res. 309—Expressing the Sense of Congress on In-School Personal  
Safety Programs**

**H.Res. 456—Expressing the Sense of the House acknowledging the efforts of  
the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, Littleton Colorado**

**H.R. \_\_\_\_—Honoring the Nation’s Law Enforcement Officers**

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## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider the following eleven bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.R. 3519** directs the Treasury Secretary to negotiate the creation of a trust fund in the World Bank to solicit funds from public and private entities that will be used to combat the spread of HIV and AIDS in developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The United States will annually contribute \$100 million dollars to this fund to potentially leverage more than \$1 billion annually from other donors. The World Bank will administer these funds, with guidance from the United States and other donors, to fund programs that address HIV/AIDS prevention, education, treatment and care. The bill gives priority to countries with the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates, or that are at the greatest risk to develop high infection rates and that commit themselves to supporting a national HIV/AIDS prevention program. The CBO has not performed a cost estimate on the measure. H.R. 3519 was introduced by Mr. Leach on January 24, 2000 and was reported from the Banking and Financial Services Committee by a 24-7 vote on March 15, 2000.

**S. 2370** designates the Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse. The bill honors Senator Pat Moynihan for all he has accomplished throughout his 47-year career in public service as legislator, scholar, reformer, teacher, and builder. The bill was introduced by Senator Schumer and was not considered by a House committee.

**H.Res. 491** names room H-130 in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of former Representative G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery, from Mississippi has facilitated the House of Representatives Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. every Thursday morning in Room H-130 of the Capitol since his election to the House and beyond his retirement in 1996. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Pease and was not considered by a committee.

**H.R. 1377** designates the post office on 9308 South Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “John J. Buchanan Post Office Building.” Mr. Buchanan, retired in April 1999, is a life-long resident and public servant of Chicago’s 10<sup>th</sup> Ward. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of several community organizations, including the Hegewisch Chamber of Commerce, South Chicago YMCA, Southeast Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center, and Trinity Hospital Governing Council. The bill was introduced by Mr. Weller and was reported by the Government Reform Committee by voice vote on May 19, 1999.

**H.R. 4249** allows for not more than \$2 million dollars be allotted from the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Support for Eastern European Democracy Act, and not more than \$2 million dollars be allotted from the Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 to support environmental cleanup and public health projects under the United States Northern Europe Initiative. Furthermore, the bill requires a report from the Secretary of State, no later than 180 days after enactment, on the threat that Russian marine nuclear reactors pose to the environmental security of European and Asian nations, and to identify new ways to provide multilateral assistance to clean up Northwest Russia. In addition, the measure also includes a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Russian President Vladimir Putin conclude pending nuclear waste management agreements that will allow international assistance programs to progress. The CBO has not released a cost estimate on the measure. The bill was introduced by Mr. Gejdenson on April 12, 2000 and reported from the International Relations Committee by voice vote on May 4, 2000.

**H.Con.Res. 251** expresses the sense of Congress that the Republic of Croatia is to be congratulated on successful parliamentary and presidential elections. Furthermore, the outgoing Government of Croatia is to be commended for the democratic standards with which it managed the elections. The resolution suggests that the United States support the efforts of the new Government of Croatia to increase its work on refugee return, privatization reform, media reform, and further cooperation with the International Crimi-

nal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia (ITCY). Congress strongly supports Croatia's commitment to western democratic standards and will give its full support to the new Government to fully implement democratic reforms. The resolution promotes Croatian- American economic, political and military relations in addition to recognizing Croatia as a loyal partner in south central Europe. Finally, the resolution recommends establishing a strategic partnership with the Republic of Croatia and supports its membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnership for Peace program and its accession into the World Trade Organization. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Radanovich and was reported by Committee on International Relations by voice vote on May 4, 2000.

**H.R. 4251** makes technical changes to the "North Korea Threat Reduction Act of 1999" so that a report to Congress by the President certifying that North Korea meets the seven stipulations of the Act will no longer lift the Threat Reduction Act's restrictions. Under the bill, the President must report to Congress, and Congress must also pass a joint resolution agreeing to the same conditions before restrictions listed in the Act will be lifted. The bill stipulates that once one house passes the resolution it will transmit it to the other house where it will not be considered by a committee and will only be considered for final passage as transmitted. In addition, it also expands the "Threat Reduction Act" by expanding it to include items on the Export Trigger List of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. The CBO estimates that costs imposed by the mandates in the bill would not exceed the threshold established in UMRA in any of the next five years (\$109 million in 2000, adjusted annually for inflation). The bill was introduced by Mr. Gilman on April 12, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

**H.Con.Res. 309** expresses the sense of Congress that states should encourage their primary and secondary schools to implement quality child safety curricula so that each child receives instruction that is positive, comprehensive, and effective. The measure also recognizes the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's 'Guidelines for Programs to Reduce Child Victimization' as one of the tools to guide the selection of quality child safety programs when local schools develop such programs. The measure was introduced by Mr. Castle and was not considered by a committee.

**H.Res. 456** expresses the sense of the House that Congress recognizes the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol of Littleton, Colorado for its 43 years of service to the local community and strong commitment to young adults. The resolution also recognizes the rescue patrol for teaching young adults a sense of commitment, responsibility, and belonging. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Tancredo and was not considered by a committee.

**H.R. 3616** helps school districts deal with the loss of tax revenues that result from a heavy presence on federally owned land and property. It makes changes to the current payment formulation to ensure an equitable distribution of funds, especially for small school districts affected by federal property. H.R. 3616 incorporates the pilot program for "heavily impacted" school districts (included in the last two Labor/HHS Appropriations bills) into the Impact Aid law. This measure also addresses the issue of how to compensate school districts for Impact Aid revenue loss as the military privatizes more and more military housing. With recurrent problems of missed filing deadlines for applying for Impact Aid funding, H.R. 3616 establishes new procedures to ensure timely filing of applications. H.R. 3616 establishes a new program to help Impact Aid schools without bonding authority, or those with health and safety hazards, to apply for the Impact Aid construction program funding. Additionally, small school districts would be guaranteed a funding floor for budgeting purposes. Finally, H.R. 3616 ensures that school districts do not lose Impact Aid funding during base-housing renovations where families are forced to move off base temporarily. CBO estimates that authorizations under the bill would total \$4.8 billion (with adjustments for inflation) or

\$4.6 billion (without such adjustments) over the FY 2001-2005 period. This measure was introduced by Mr. Hayes on February 10, 2000 and was reported out of the Committee on Education and the Workforce by a voice vote on February 16, 2000.

**H.Res.**\_\_\_ establishes that (1) all peace officers slain in the line of duty and all peace officers who risk their own personal safety and well-being to protect this nation's citizens should be honored and recognized; and (2) the President should issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers with appropriate ceremonies and respect, and to honor and recognize the sacrifices and risks taken daily by all peace officers. This resolution was introduced by Mr. Ramstad on May 12, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXIX, #13, May 12, 2000.

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